Markets for Travancore Prawns.

426 *MR. CODIVEETIL C. RAMANKUNJU (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the markets to which Travancore prawns were exported in the year before the inception of the Department of Fisheries and the quantity and value thereof respectively;

(*b*) the markets to which Travancore prawns were exported during the year 1115 and the quantity and value thereof to each market;

(*c*) whether the fall in the price of Travancore prawns has reduced the fisherfolk from Quilon northwards into indebtedness, poverty and starvation;

(*d*) whether they ever attempted to find out new markets for Travancore prawns to relieve the distress of the fisherfolk; and

(*e*) if so, the amount spent for the purpose and the result obtained?

DR. K. L. MOUDGILL (*Ag: Pro-Vice-Chancellor*): (*a*) The information is not available.

(*b*) Quantity and value of prawns exported in 1115 :

	Quantity.	*Value.*	*Countries to which exported.*
	Cwts.	Rs.	
	230	4,393	British India
	9,536	1,78,777	Cochin
	31,214	5,92,080	Burma
Total	40,980	7,75,250	

(*c*) The information is not available.

(*d*) Yes. Experiments are being conducted to improve the quality of packing and to manufacture new products with a view to expanding the market for prawns.

(*e*) A sum of Rs. 500 has been spent on the experiments. The investigation is not yet complete.

MR. CODIVEETIL C. RAMANKUNJU: പാർട്ട് സി. യും ഡിയും ഈ വിവരം അന്വേഷിച്ചു പറയുവാൻ മയ്യുണ്ടാകുമോ?

DR. K. L. MOUDGILL: Certainly it can be done.

Importation and sale of Burma Rice.

427 *MR. VARKALA K. MADHAVAN (*Chirayinkil* cum *Nedumangad*) Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they have sustained any loss by the importation and sale of Burma rice;

(*b*) if the answer to the above is in the affirmative, the amount of loss they have sustained; and

(*c*) whether they have made arrangements for further importation of rice from Burma.

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